

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-20, 23-33, 35, 37-43, 45, and 47-52 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 19-22, 30-33, and 40-42 are amended; Claims 21-22, 34, 36, 44 and 46 are canceled; and Claims 50-52 are added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 19-21, 24, 25, 30-32, 34, 35, 37, 40-42, 44 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Kinoshita; Claims 23, 33 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kinoshita in view of Takano; and Claims 22, 26-29, 36 and 46-69 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

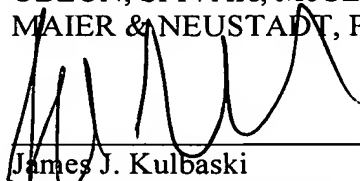
Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating Claims 22, 26-29, 36 and 46-69 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the independent claims have been amended to include the allowable features recited in the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

Consequently, for at least these reasons, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the above listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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